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SUBJECT: GERMAN INQUIRY ON CHINA - PAKISTAN NUCLEAR
COOPERATION

REF: STATE 117570

Classified By: Global Affairs Unit Chief Don L. Brown, for reasons 1.4
(b) and (d).

[1](#)1. (U) This is an action request, see paragraph 5.

[1](#)2. (S) On the margins of an unrelated meeting, German MFA
Desk Officer Joerg Polster requested any releasable
information on a reported China - Pakistan civil nuclear
agreement under which China would provide two new nuclear
power plants to Pakistan. (Note: Polster, a physicist, is a
technical assistant and advisor to MFA Deputy Director
General, Ambassador Viktor Elbling, who serves as current
chair of the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG). End Note).

[1](#)3. (S) Specifically, Polster asked if the U.S. had any
reliable information about the reported agreement and sought
U.S. views on what Germany, as chair of the NSG could do
about it. Further,
Polster speculated about Germany approaching the Chinese
directly but was uncertain if that would be possible and what
the Chinese response might be. Polster said he thought the
Chinese might deny the
existence of the agreement, or perhaps claim that this deal,
like their prior agreement with Pakistan, was excepted under
NSG rules.

[1](#)4. (S) At the root of Polster's inquiry is the belief that
China has no right under existing NSG agreements to provide
additional nuclear plants to Pakistan. He stated that he
fears that if this deal proceeds it has serious implications
for the future of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

[1](#)5. (S) Post would appreciate any guidance or information on
this subject that we can release to Germany.
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